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1. IN ONLY REFERENCE TO INFLATION IN REF C, EMBASSY POINTED OUT THAT IN CONNECTION WITH 1976 PLAN (NOT BUDGET, AS STATED REF A), PERCENTAGE INCREASE FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WAS GIVEN IN TERMS OF "COMPARABLE PRICES", WHILE PERCENTAGE INCREASE FOR RETAIL COMMODITY CIRCULATION WAS IN TERMS OF "CURRENT PRICES". IF ALL PRICES WERE ASSUMED AS STABLE, THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR THE DISTINCTION TO BE DRAWN. IT IS QUITE UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL RECEIVE MUCH FROM GOB IN THE WAY OF EXPLANATION FOR THIS TERMINOLOGY, THOUGH OF COURSE WE WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT STANDS BEHIND ITS USE.

2. CONCRETE EVIDENCE ON DOMESTIC INFLATION IN BULGARIA IS HARD TO COME BY. WE OURSELVES ARE NOT ABLE TO CONDUCT "MARKET BASKET" SAMPLING. GOB MAINTAINS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF COURSE THERE IS NO INFLATION. DIPLOMATIC

COLLEAGUES, BOTH FROM WESTERN AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES,  
DISPUTE THAT POSITION AND OCCASIONALLY A BULGARIAN WILL  
MAKE A CHANCE REMARK ON HIGHER PRICES. IT IS CLEAR  
THAT FOR CERTAIN STAPLES GOB HAS MAINTAINED PRICES,  
BUT BEYOND THAT IT BECOMES QUESTIONABLE WHAT IS ACTUAL  
POLICY AND PRACTICE.  
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